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Cincinnati to Hillsboro.

STATIONS.	No. 86 Sun.	No. 87 Sun.	No. 88 Sun.	No. 89 Sun.	No. 90 Sun.
Cincinnati, Ky.	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
Blanchester, Mo.	8:10	8:40	9:10	9:40	10:10
W. Carroll, Mo.	8:20	8:50	9:20	9:50	10:20
Lyndhurst, Mo.	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
Hillsboro, Mo.	8:40	9:10	9:40	10:10	10:40

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One of the London underground railways passes 185 feet below the surface. This is the record for subterranean transportation.

The emperor of Japan has thirty physicians and sixty priests.

Spain is the sunniest of all the European countries.

Rations of tobacco are served to Italian soldiers.

A short Italian prayer which is not without wisdom: "I pray that I may never be married. But if I marry I pray that I may not be deceived. But if I am deceived I pray that I may not know it. But if I know it I pray that I may be able to laugh at the whole affair."

**HORTICULTURE****FRUIT PICKING BAG.**

Make Some This Winter Against Next Season's Need.

A bag supported by shoulder straps is worn in picking fruit. It is much handier than a basket and it leaves both hands free. It also is easy on the fruit, especially apples, as they are let out easily and carefully from the bottom. To make the bag use a grain sack cut right length so as not to be too long or too short. The front side of the bag at the bottom is cut away and the opening covered by drawing the other side around for a lap and buttoned as shown. Make suspenders to cross over the shoulders and fasten the suspenders together with a strap.

**FEED THE RABBITS.**

How They May Be Kept from Damaging the Trees.

Where these pests are bad it is not safe to take chances on anything else than a good wooden protector around each and every small tree, but in places where rabbits are not plentiful the trees can be saved without this expense.

Although my place is pretty well covered with trees I use no protectors and have not lost a single tree. About this time of the year, depending on the season, I trim a few trees in different parts of the orchards, which keeps the rabbits supplied with what they desire of this sort of food until the first snow storm, at which time another day's pruning is done and later on they are fed again in the same way.

As stated previously, a rabbit will not turn his head to gnaw a tree if he can get the same favorite food from branches lying before him in a horizontal position. It is generally one or a few rabbits that first get into the habit of barking trees and others learn from them. If when the first barked trees are noticed a piece of apple with a little strychnine on it is placed near these trees you will find Mr. Rabbit stretched out stiff near there the next morning. This medicine works quickly on rabbits, killing them almost instantly upon eating the bait.

**PUT THEM IN A PIT.**

A Good Way to Store Potatoes Away from Frosts.

If there is not sufficient cellar room to store potatoes they will keep perfectly in shallow pits about ten inches deep where there is good drainage. Make the pits about three feet wide and as long as is necessary. Fill with potatoes and then heap the tubers up so that they make a cone-shaped pile like the gable roof of a house.

Cover them with litter such as straw or hay to the depth of a foot, then throw on some of the earth that was thrown out when digging the pit. Put on enough to hide the straw. Then put on more litter and repeat the earth covering also.

Before beginning to cover arrange for an opening at one end by making a deep frame as for a window, explains Coleman's Rural World. This is for convenience in getting the potatoes while the weather is still cold. This may have an inner shutter opening outward and an outside door, the space between being filled with straw. It also must have more outside litter over the door if in a climate where the weather gets very cold.

It is also well to dig a trench just outside the completed pit considerably deeper than the pit itself, so that it may serve as a drain.

**ORCHARD TRIMMING.**

Ashes are one of the best fertilizers for fruit of all kinds.

Careless picking and packing losses many a dollar to the fruit grower.

Plant apple and pear trees this fall, but let the stone fruits go until spring.

With the prevailing high prices for foodstuffs, let the farmer ask himself whether he is getting his share.

Be sure and see that all the vegetables are properly housed so that the freezing weather will not spoil them.

There are ten rules for growing apples. The first is prune, fertilize, cultivate and spray. The other nine are like unto the first.

While you are thinking about fixing up for winter don't forget the apple trees. Unless these are protected rabbits and mice are apt to kill some of the finest trees during the winter.

Go to the work of growing an orchard as you go to the work of growing any other crop. Plant with care, protect in every way possible, cultivate and fertilize.

**Care of Injured Trees.**

The careful orchardist will see that a tree which has been injured in any way receives prompt attention. Cuts or wounds that are made by the careless running of cultivator should be bound to keep out water until the wound is healed.

**PROTECTING TREES.**

Young Orchards Must Be Painted or Covered with Netting.

Young trees should be protected from rabbits for one or two years after they have been set in the orchard. There are two systems of protecting such trees, either of which may be made fairly satisfactory. One consists of painting the trunk and the lower branches with some form of paint. The best formula is one gallon of water, one pound of soap, two to four ounces of carbolic acid. This can be painted on the trees with a brush or swab of rags tied on the end of a stick.

Some prefer to add enough venetian red to give the mixture a good pink color or the consistency of thick cream. Paris green is sometimes added, but it is of doubtful value. The paint is of value only as it prevents the rabbits from barking the trees; killing the rabbits is of very little importance. Blood from slaughterhouse has been used with good results, but it is inconvenient to prepare, washes off readily and requires three or four applications each winter. Axle grease and coal tar almost uniformly injure the trees.

The other system consists of wrapping the trunk and larger limbs of the trees with some material that prevents the rabbits from reaching the bark. Rags, heavy building paper, grass rope, screen wire, veneer wood, and cornstalks are all used for this work with good results. Any material that wraps tight about the trunk of the tree must be removed in early spring. This does not injure the tree, as is frequently supposed, by forming a harbor for insects.

The use of wood tree protectors, wrapping with cornstalks and material of that kind, seems to give the best satisfaction of any material used.

The cornstalks can be easily prepared by cutting the stalk with a knife, sticking one end in the ground and tying the tops close to the top of the trunk of the tree. By using the stalks in this way, a perfect protection can be formed for the tree and one that will last for two or three years and finally fall away of decay without any injury to the tree.

It is as important to protect the trunks of the trees during the summer as it is during the winter. The rabbits injure the trees in the winter and the hot sun and borers during the summer. Trees that are well protected from the sun seldom suffer badly from the effects of borers, and for this reason it is evident that the protection that will shield the tree from the sun and last two or three years is an ideal protector to use.—Oklahoma Experiment Station.

**KILLING TREES AND BUSHES.**

Effective Method is Found in Cutting and Stripping Bark.

When the trees have made the season's growth, take a sharp ax or hatchet and peel the trees and bushes you want to kill. This way will fix them so there will be very few sprouts come from the roots.

By cutting the bark about two and one-half feet from the ground and peeling it down in strips as shown in cut two to three inches wide, nearly to the ground, says the Farm and Home, it forms a pocket around the base of the tree in which water will stand after each rain, thus causing the stump and roots to decay rapidly. Care should be taken to cut through the cambium or inner layer of bark for here is where the sap flows. A few nice shaped trees of choice varieties should be left in the pasture for shade.

**ORIGIN OF THE APPLE.**

What This Fruit Was Before It Was Improved by Cultivation.

Prof. H. L. Bailey, professor of horticulture in Cornell university, Ithaca, N. Y., in his volume on "Plant Breeding," gives the following interesting history of the apple:

"The original apple is not definitely known, but it was certainly a small and inferior crabbed fruit, borne mostly in clusters. When we first find it described by historians it was still of small value. Pliny says that some were so sour as to take the edge off of a knife. But better and better seedlings continued to come up about habitations until, when printed descriptions of fruit began to be made about 400 years ago, there were many kinds in existence. The size has vastly improved, and with this increase came the reduction of the number of fruits in a cluster; so that at the present time, whilst apple flowers are borne in clusters, the fruits are generally borne singly. That is, most of the flowers fail to set fruit, and they complete their mission when they have shed their pollen for the benefit of the one which persists."

**Problem in Hog Feeding.**

While prices of grain have been low the hog has been a great money-maker on the American farm. We have now to face the proposition of making money out of the hog on high-priced grain and high-priced land.

**Latent Buds.**

Latent buds on trees are those that lie dormant for years. They are nature's way of providing a supply of buds for a sudden contingency.

**A CHRISTMAS LESSON**

Sunday School Lesson for Dec. 22, 1907  
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LESSON TEXT.—Matthew 2:1-12. Memory Verses 10-12.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."—Luke 2:11.

Comment and Suggestive Thought.

The Effect of the First Christmas Day Upon the World. What This Power Has Accomplished.—The Test of Power. How do we know what any person or thing can do? By what he or it has done.

I look out of my study window and see a number of black wires strung along the street. They look as "dead as a door nail." But every day I hear messages coming over them from near and from far over the telephone. Every night I see blazing lights from the current passing through them. Not long ago a man just over the way touched one of those wires, blown down in a gale, and he was struck dead. I know what those wires can do by what they have done. Therefore, I let them alone in the street, and I turn the switch with perfect confidence when I want a light.

Last summer at Niagara I descended 100 feet underground in the city power house, and in a small brick compartment, only a few feet square, saw more black objects like great rolls of iron wire. They seemed as lifeless and innocent as coils of wire in a store. I was told that the power of 70,000 to 100,000 horses resided in those black, dull objects. How could I know? I knew by what they did. I saw the cars moving all over the city, and the streets and houses lighted at night. And all the power and all the light came from those black dynamos.

We see that with Christ came a new era of the kingdom of heaven, with new powers for the changing of this world from the darkness of sin into the righteousness, love, peace, prosperity, and all that makes perfect people in a perfect world. The progress has been slow, but becomes more and more rapid each century. The world as it is to-day tells us what Christ has done for the world.

The more Christianity, the more happiness; the more of all that makes the kingdom of heaven. The blessings lessen and sorrows multiply in proportion as there is less of the Christian religion. "The new age stands as yet half-built against the sky," but it is Christ that has built the new age thus far, and that building is rising faster and faster each year.

There is a great deal of evil in the world yet, in the best of countries, in the best of people. But it is evil fought against. It is good gaining the victory slowly but surely. The very revelations of evil, the controversies and conflicts, are signs that the power of Christ is working upon the evil, a never-ending conflict till the good has triumphed.

The Sun Conquering Winter.—Astronomers are thinking that the planet Mars is inhabited. Suppose that this winter a gentleman from Mars should come and make you a visit, being an utter stranger to the ways of this world. You would show him the clean, white, snow-covered ground, the trees beautiful in their branching twigs, "the fringes of the hills," calm, cold sunshine, no mud, no floods, but all peaceful as death. But you tell him that all this is nothing to what is coming next spring—the snow melted away, the fields covered with green, the trees bursting into leaf and flower, the gardens radiant with color, the air soft, with fragrance. A wonderful transformation.

"When does spring begin?" he asks. "About the 21st of March," you reply.

But when the 21st of March comes, he finds snow and slush and mud and fog and east winds and bare trees, and he exclaims, as Pliny did to Christian when in the Slough of Despond, "Is this the blessedness you were describing, the beautiful spring you pictured to me with such enthusiasm? Is this what your mighty sun is doing?"

You reply, "These very things you complain of are a proof of the power of the sun, and of the coming of the spring I described. By these things we know that spring is coming. They are a thousand times more hopeful than the silent whiteness of winter."

We may personally feel this power of the coming of Christ. He came to save and accept each one of us. He calls us to accept of him as our king, our leader, and our Saviour. When we give ourselves to Christ we do not always, though sometimes we do, realize the greatness of the change. When of two boys one makes his choice to become an educated man and the other to live a low and selfish and sensual life, we do not always see a great change or difference immediately in the boys; but as the years go by the difference grows greater and greater.

Of all things discovered in the world's history—mines, treasures, new worlds—none compare with the discovery, each in his own experience, of Jesus Christ.

Of all memorial days, the celebration of Christmas by the giving of gifts is the most appropriate, for it celebrates God's greatest gift to each of us and to the world. Sometimes the custom of giving is misused, but it is folly "to burn up the bars to get rid of the rats."

Our best gift to God, really our only gift, is the gift of our hearts, our love, our service, our devotion.

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